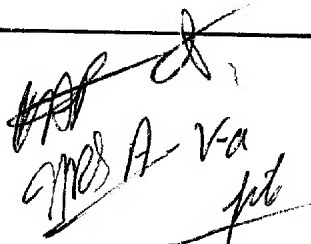


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27 July 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: STAT
OS/SAG
VIA : A/DD/NFAC *EE*
FROM : Chief, Congressional Support Staff
SUBJECT : NFAC Comments on Jack Anderson
Columns

1. Each of the files contains a sheet addressing the three relevant questions:

- Was the article quoted from properly classified at the time we published it, and why was it so classified?
- Would we regard the article as still classified at the time portions of it appeared in Jack Anderson's column?
- Can the article or any portion thereof be declassified in connection with a criminal prosecution?

2. In answering the questions, we considered the entire classified article--not just the portion quoted by Jack Anderson. On the other hand, we did not take into account other articles in the same publication.

FBI Review Completed

DOJ Review
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Bruce,

This package is to be returned to [] 25X1
my covering note via you should serve the purpose.

For your information, [] dropped the files 25X1
off with John Hicks a couple of weeks ago. He sent them
to us for action under the attached blue note. I have 25X1
since discussed the subject with [] who said
we did not have to answer all the questions in the letter 25X1
from Justice, only the three described in []
letter of 8 June. (This is the procedure we followed
with similar damage assessments of earlier Jack Anderson
columns.)

Also, (and contrary to John Hicks' note) [] 25X1
has asked us to answer the three questions on the basis of
the whole classified article believed to be in Jack
Anderson's possession--not just the quotes marked in
colored pen.

A variety of analysts from OER, OSR, and OPA contri-
buted to the formulation of the comments, but I boiled 25X1
down the responses to fit the pattern [] needs.
We are maintaining a record file on this whole mess.

For the record, Justice still seems to be most re-
luctant to pursue criminal prosecution of Jack Anderson.
The DCI's letter to the Attorney General recommending
civil action to regain the NIDs and other documents in
Jack Anderson's possession, however, has gotten a more
favorable response.

[] 25X1

Chief, Congressional Support Staff

25X1

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- In Chuck's absence
would you please start the
work necessary to respond
to the attached request from
Justice.

- We should comment only on those
words which have been marked
by colored pen in the attached
folders.

- The OS officer we respond thru
is

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Department of Justice
Washington 20530

JUN 21 1979

TOP SECRET

Daniel Silver, Esquire
General Counsel
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Silver:

Reference is made to the June 20, 1979 memorandum from Robert W. Gambino, Director of Security, CIA, to the Director, FBI, captioned "Transmittal of Classified Documents for Investigative Use." Mr. Gambino's memorandum transmitted copies of classified documents identified as having been used by columnist Jack Anderson as source material for recent articles, and copies of documents which have been identified by Anderson staff reporters as being in his possession. (TS)

To date, eight classified documents originated by the CIA have been identified as the source documents for the Anderson articles published on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Your Agency is continuing efforts to identify classified documents originated by the CIA which relate to articles published by Jack Anderson on [REDACTED]

As you know, on June 18, 1979, [REDACTED] reported to the FBI information concerning a luncheon meeting that day between himself and Dale Van Atta, an employee of Anderson. [REDACTED] advised that Van Atta passed to him certain documents, which he reviewed and returned to Van Atta, and which he described as follows:

This document consists of 3 pages;
copy 1 of 4 copies.

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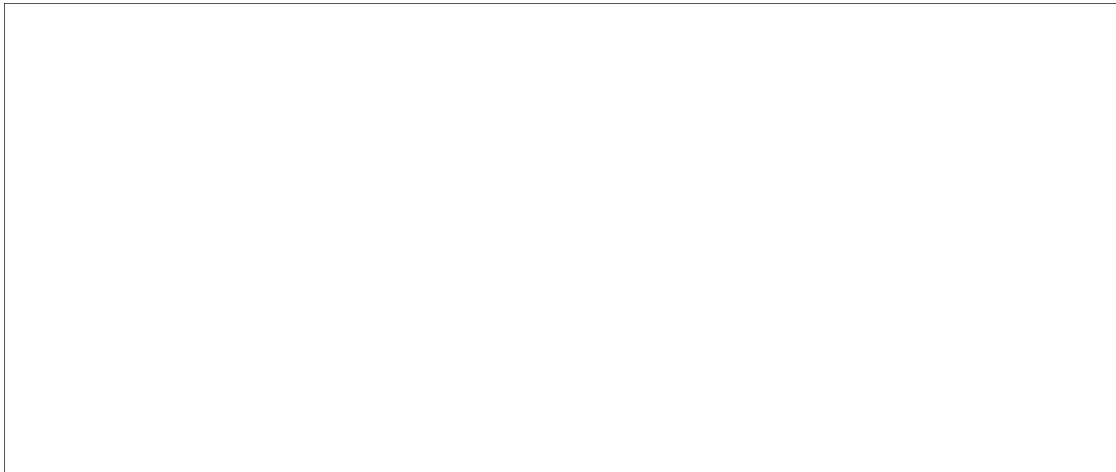
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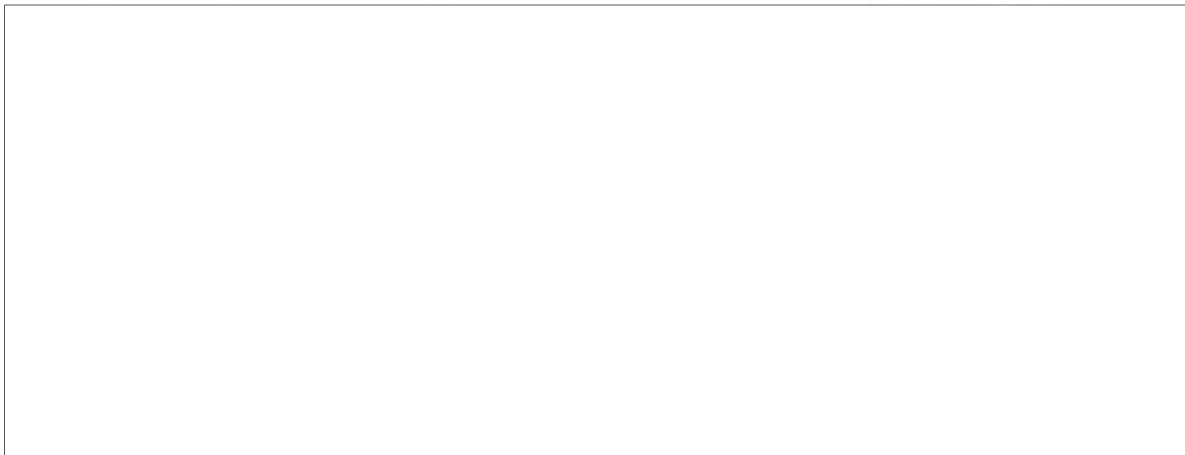
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[redacted] also reported that during a conversation in a park following their luncheon meeting, Van Atta showed him the following documents:

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With regard to the six articles already identified as containing information from classified CIA documents, it is requested that we be provided the following information:

1. Specific statements which are classified and whether the data was properly classified.
2. Whether the classified data disclosed is accurate.

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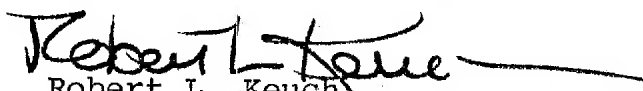
3. The extent of official dissemination of the data.
4. Whether the data has been the subject of prior official releases.
5. Whether prior clearance for publication or release of the information was sought from proper authorities.
6. Whether the material or portions thereof or enough background data has been published officially or in the press to make an educated speculation on the matter possible.
7. Whether the data can be declassified for the purpose of prosecution and, if so, the name of the person competent to testify concerning the classification.
8. Whether declassification had been decided upon prior to the publication or release of the data.
9. What effect the disclosure of the classified data could have on the national defense. (U)

If additional classified CIA documents are identified as the source documents for the Anderson articles published on [] or any later articles, the same information should be provided. (TS)

With regard to the documents reported to have been shown to [] by Van Atta on June 18, the same information should be provided concerning any of the documents that can be identified as having been originated by the CIA. (TS)

→ [In view of the importance of this matter, we would appreciate receiving your response as quickly as possible. (U)

Very truly yours,


Robert L. Keuch
Deputy Assistant
Attorney General

cc: FBI

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OGC 79-05330

8 June 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, NFAC

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FROM:

[REDACTED]
Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: Jack Anderson's Publication of Classified Material

1. The attached package is forwarded for review by NFAC to determine the classification of the various items which have been identified in the Anderson articles as having come from classified documents. There are three phases to the review. First we need to know whether each item was properly classified at the time it appeared in the classified Agency publication and the reason it was classified at that time.

[REDACTED]
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Therefore, a complete analysis of this information is required.

[REDACTED]
25X1

2. The second phase of the analysis should focus on whether the information, if properly classified when first published, was still classified when published in Anderson's column. The third phase of the review, if the first two are affirmative, is whether any of the information which had previously been classified can be declassified for a criminal prosecution. It would be appreciated if this review could be handled expeditiously so that this Office may prepare an appropriate letter to the Department of Justice.

[REDACTED]
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Attachment

cc: [REDACTED] OS 25X1
w/o/att.

[REDACTED]
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